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5. 🗆	This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have
	been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)).

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Yes: Claims

1-26

Inventive step (IS)

Claims No: Yes: Claims

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Industrial applicability (IA)

Yes: Claims

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Claims No:

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET

Re Item V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Claim 1

EP-A-0 419 751 discloses an escape mask that enables one to breathe filtered air in the presence of contaminated air containing smoke, unidentified particles, chemical and/or biological agents or combinations of these (see abstract), the mask comprising.

- a foldable pocket size hood to cover the entire head (col. 6, I. 57-col. 7, I. 3), comprising:
- a bag made of transparent plastic film material impermeable to gases (col. 5, I. 7-1.
- a filter assembly capable of filtering contaminated air or particles (col. 6, l. 33-45), 2.
- an exhalation valve forming part of the mask (col. 7, l. 50-57). 3.

The mask according to claim 1 differs from the known mask in that it has bee provided with separate sealing means, not attached to the bag, to seal the hood around the neck, enabling adjusting the bag over the head to reduce the free space inside the hood.

Such separate sealing means have not been disclosed in nor suggested by any of the documents cited. The advantage is that sealing means do not have a fixed position on the bag, so that they can be varied in position depending on the head size of the user of the mask.

Claim 26

Claims 2-26 are dependent on claim 1 and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.